

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY!

May 16

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

“FAITH LIKE MOSES”

2 Timothy 3:1-9

Join us in person or by way of live stream or radio broadcast WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM or later on the church YouTube channel. An order of service will be posted on our web site.

11:00 AM MAY CHURCH CONFERENCE

6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY

BETTER DECISIONS, FEWER REGRETS
Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sharon Wood, 5-16 Audrey Bettis, 5-16
Connor Reynolds, 5-16 Todd Caldwell, 5-17
Jeff Holland, 5-18 Morgan Smith, 5-19
Cagney Walker, 5-19 Kay Young, 5-20
Margie Boyd, 5-20 Lenn Craig, 5-20
Chad Duncan, 5-21 Richie Foster, 5-21

CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate with **Cory and Paige Fain** in the birth of their son, **Deacon Sumner Fain**. Deacon was born on May 5. He is the brother of **Daxton Chase Fain**, grandson of **Terry & Tammy Sumner** and the great-grandson of **Sam & Sheila Stribling**.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Our church family grieves the death of
Madeline Garner.

We extend our love and prayerful support to her family and friends.

CHURCH CEMETERY WORK DAY

This Saturday, May 15 * 8:00 am

Plan to come and work in our historic church cemetery as we fight back the woods and other encroachments.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA PARTY

This Saturday, May 15 * 11:00 am

Woodruff High School Café

Proceeds will go toward the WHS trip to England. For tickets email hwestmoreland@spartanburg4.org or call 864-476-7045 ext. 3637 and leave a message.

Helping Hands Ministry's

CAR AND BIKE SHOW

This Saturday, May 15 * 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Parking Lot, Woodruff Church of God

FAITH LIKE MOSES

2 Timothy 3:1-9

While describing the terrible behavior and the conditions of the hearts of people in the last days, Paul mentions Jannes and Jambres who opposed Moses. These are the names in Jewish tradition of the demonic Egyptian sorcerers who were able to duplicate the first two plagues. Just like it was in Egypt in the time of Moses, there will be a great hostility toward people of true faith in the last days. This Sunday, we will look together at what it means to have a “Faith like Moses.”

May 23 – Graduate Recognition Day

“Faith like Timothy” 1 Timothy 4:12-16

May 30 – Memorial Day Celebration

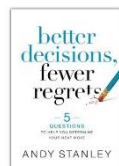
“Faith like Paul” 2 Timothy 4:6-8

MAY CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Sunday, May 16

After the Morning Worship Service

Plan to stay after church and take part in our May Church Conference. Financial reports, Over and Above project updates and other church business will be presented and discussed.



BETTER DECISIONS, FEWER REGRETS

This Sunday, May 16 * 6:00 pm

Join us Sunday evening as we continue Andy Stanley's video study of God's word. Good questions lead to better decisions. We will learn to ask the Maturity Question – “What is the wise thing to do?” as we look at Paul's letter to the Church at Ephesus – **“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16**



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

Next Sunday, May 23 * 10:00 am

We are preparing for a wonderful Graduate Recognition Service. **If you know of someone who could be included in this service, please contact the church office** so that we can send them an information letter. We give thanks for & continue to pray for the Class of 2021.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays * 7:00 pm * Builders' Room

Ladies, come join us as we dive into God's Word. Our Bible study – “How to Read Your Bible” is by Jennie Allen. Christy Thompson and Lisa Abercrombie are co-hosting the study.

TIMELY ALERTS

Even in a small town there are occasions because of timing when everyone does not get word about a death or about an unexpected change in scheduled activities. Our church will begin using *Remind* to send out texts and emails when the normal methods of communication will not reach people in time. **If you would like to receive these “timely alerts” text the message “@wfbcl787” to 81010 or email us and we will sign you up.** We will continue using our newsletters, bulletins, prayer lists, Deacon and Sunday School contacts, announcements, slides, web posts, Facebook posts, email, texts and calls to relay information along with these “timely alerts.”

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Each week we add worship services, sermons, Bible studies, music and podcasts to our YouTube channel that can be viewed on phones, computers and televisions across our community and across the world.

MICHIKO PHILLIPS' ESTATE

For the next couple of weeks, items from Michiko Phillip's estate will be displayed in one of the classrooms across from the Fellowship Hall. **Please invite friends and loved ones to come and see if there is anything they can use.** The items are available to anyone who wants them. If you are able to benefit from them, please consider making a donation to the church in Michiko's memory if you are able to do so.

THE MISSION MOVES FORWARD

Season of Prayer for Missions in North America

Church Goal: \$3,000.00 Received: \$2,985.00

Pray that God will continue to call out workers into His harvest field and prayerfully consider your gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering as we seek to reach the people of North America with the hope that comes through the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

The Sunday School quarterlies for June, July, and August have arrived. Pick them up in Sunday School, or on a table in the foyer or come by the office, or call us to have them mailed or delivered to your house.

CLOTHES CLOSET

In May, our church is staffing the **Woodruff Community Clothes Closet** on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Contact us if you can help.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

American flags have been ordered to place at the graves of those buried in our church cemetery who served in the military, from the Revolutionary War to the present. Contact the church office if you would like to help place the flags at the graves the week before Memorial Day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Concrete & Cranes

Jesus our strong foundation!

Wednesdays in June

(June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

5:30 – 7:30 pm * K4 – Grade 5

A light supper will be served each evening. You must preregister to attend. Register online at fbcwoodruff.org. **“I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”**

Philippians 1:6

FAMILY PARKING LOT PARTY!

Friday, May 21 * 6:00 - 7:30 pm * Back Parking Lot

Join us for a wonderful family event as we eat, fellowship, play games and ride our wheeled toys. Please bring your wheeled toys, lawn chairs and friends. We will have corn dogs, corn hole, yard games and then some. Sign up in the office if you plan to attend.

An Evening With

THE REGAL'S & FRIENDS

Saturday, July 24 * 7:00 pm

Let's enjoy an evening of great music, laughter and fellowship. Tickets are \$17 per person. See Lisa Abercrombie for more information.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Over & Above Fund

In Memory of Jo Anne Westmoreland

Dr. Gandhi & Staff

Annie Armstrong Offering

In Memory of Jo Anne Westmoreland

Emily Harrison

In Memory of Charles & Phil Raines

Mary Dell Scott

Work of the Church Fund

In Memory of Jo Anne Westmoreland

Marie Wood

In Honor of Carol Morgan

Kate Hames

FINANCIAL REPORT

BUDGET	May 9	2021
Needs	\$ 8,905.02	\$169,195.38
Offering	\$ 7,210.00	\$169,432.45
Over/(Under)	(\$ 1,695.02)	(\$ 237.07)
Additional Offerings Given for Special Accounts		
Over & Above	\$	860.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	70.00
Michiko Phillips' Estate	\$	200.00
Stewardship	\$	1.88
Youth Fund	\$	500.00
Regal Tickets	\$	47.00

WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Wednesdays * 6:00 pm * Fellowship Hall

Join us for Bible study. We live stream the study for those who are not able to be with us in person. It can be viewed live a little after 6:00 pm on Wednesdays or afterward at a time of your convenience.



May 12 – Obadiah

May 19 – Jonah

The prophet Jonah was from Gath Hepher near Nazareth in Galilee (2 Kings 14:25.) He lived during a time of financial peace and prosperity characterized by a weak and adulterous devotion to God. The story takes place just prior to the time of

Amos, during the reign of King Jeroboam II (c. 760 BC.) God commands Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire. Forty years later Assyria will destroy Israel (722 BC.) Nineveh will be destroyed about 150 years from the time of Jonah's preaching by the Babylonians and Medes (612 BC.) The book of Jonah reminds us that God is the God of all creation and of all nations. He cares deeply for everyone He has created (even those who do not know their right hand from their left.) Jonah knows that God is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Jonah does not want to preach to the people of Nineveh because he fears that they will repent and that God will spare the city. In many ways Jonah represents the people of God. We have been chosen and commissioned by God to be His witnesses. We rebel against His will, yet have been miraculously preserved by God through the centuries to finally share His truth. The reluctance of God's people is contrasted in the book of Jonah with the eagerness of the sailors and the people of Nineveh to turn to God. The book illustrates God's sovereign power to bring about His will. God prepares (appoints / ordains) a great fish, a plant, a worm, and a scorching east wind to give Jonah the opportunity to change his heart. The book ends with God asking a question that demonstrates His great compassion. Through the centuries people have questioned the miracles in the book of Jonah – particularly that Jonah is able to survive for 3 days in the belly of a great fish. But if God can create the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1) He is more than capable of preparing a great fish. Jesus refers to the story of Jonah as a historical account and tells us that **“The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.”** Matthew 12:41 Jesus will refer to His death and resurrection (3 days in the tomb) as the “Sign of Jonah.” Artists have illustrated this truth by showing Jonah being expelled from the great fish beside Jesus being expelled from the tomb.



DAY BY DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;

Mission Friends;

Neighborhood Canvass - Children & Youth

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MAY 15

8:00 am Cemetery Work Day

8:00 am Helping Hands Car & Bike Show – WCOG

9:00 am Boy Scout Derby & Dinner – Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Woodruff Clothes Closet

SUNDAY, MAY 16

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service – Live on Radio & YouTube

11:00 am May Church Conference

6:00 pm Bible Study - *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*

MONDAY, MAY 17

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

6:00 pm *Walking Through The Bible* - Live on YouTube;

Mission Friends; Children's Choir; Youth Lighthouse

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, May 21

6:00 pm Family Parking Lot Party

LIVE RADIO BROADCAST

Each Sunday * 10:00 am

Woodruff Radio WQUL 101.7 FM 1510 AM

MINISTRY PARTNERS – MAY 16

Children's Worship – Tammy S, Jaden J

Nursery: Bobby & Lisa A (am) Zane & Rebecca L (pm)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Place to Grow and Belong

Each Sunday * 9:00 am

You are invited to join us for Bible study! A nursery is provided. Contact us if you would like more information about which class to attend.

OVER AND ABOVE PROJECT

\$104,945.74 has been contributed!

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

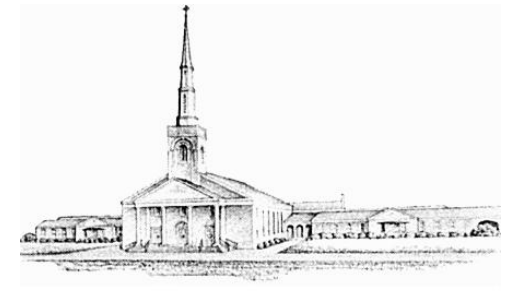
Our deacons are committed to being part of the ministry team along with our pastor & church staff. Contact them with prayer concerns, questions, & ministry opportunities as we seek to love & care for one another.

A–Co	Buddy Few and John Ward
Cp-G	Jason Ketterman and Tommy Morgan
H–Lc	Patrick Elliott and Ken Vaughn
Ld–Q	Milton Smith and Terry Sumner
R–S	Ted Culbreath and Terry Hauser
T-Z	Sam Cooper and Susan Cooper

THE ENCOURAGER

“...to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian Service to build up the body of Christ.”

www.fbcwoodruff.org



First Baptist Church * Woodruff, South Carolina

May 12, 2021



Romans 12:12, NRSV

Regular Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Email: office@fbcwsc.org

Web site: www.fbcwoodruff.org

Telephone: (864) 476-8171 Fax: (864) 476-3141

Address: 801 Cross Anchor Road, Woodruff, SC 29388

C. Andrew Shull, Pastor
Bryan C. Thompson, Associate Pastor for Youth
John C. Carroll, Minister of Music
Lisa C. Abercrombie, Ministry Coordinator
Carol R. Morgan, Secretary
Kay M. Young, Pianist
Tommie Jo McAbee, Site Manager
Randy C. Rhodes, Site Manager